Delimitation of constituencies

*79. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delimitation Commission has completed the work of delimitation of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies;

(b) if not, the States in which the process has been completed and the States in which the process is incomplete:

(c) whether notification(s) with respect to any State(s) have been laid on the Table of the House; and

(d) by when the notifications are likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Delimitation Commission has so far issued Orders in respect of 25 States/Union Territories. In pursuance of section 10A of the Delimitation Act, 2002, the delimitation exercise in respect of the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland have been deferred *vide* four Orders dated 8th February, 2008. Further, section 10B of the said Act nullified the Delimitation Commission's Orders issued with respect to the State of Jharkhand. Thus, the delimitation exercise in respect of all the States except the State of Jammu and Kashmir has been completed.

(c) The Order issued by the Delimitation Commission in respect of 25 States/Union Territories has been laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 23.11.2007 and 28.11.2007 respectively.

(d) In pursuance of the second proviso to article 82 and the second proviso to clause (3) of article 170 of the Constitution, the Presidential Order has been issued on the 19th February, 2008 making delimitation Orders effective from immediate effect in all the 22 States/Union Territories except in the States of Tripura and Meghalaya where the delimitation order shall take effect on the 20th March, 2008 after the election to the Legislative Assemblies in these States are over on 19.3.2008.

Private participation in power and energy sectors

*80. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to report by KPMG and CII, a conducive policy and regulatory framework is necessary to attract private participation in the country's power and upstream energy sectors which would require an investment of upto $ 150 billion over the next five years;ssss

(b) if so, whether Government has considered the report;

(c) if so, the main points mentioned in the report; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the renewable energy in the country?